

THE NEW YEAR FINDS NAA BUSY WITH MAN

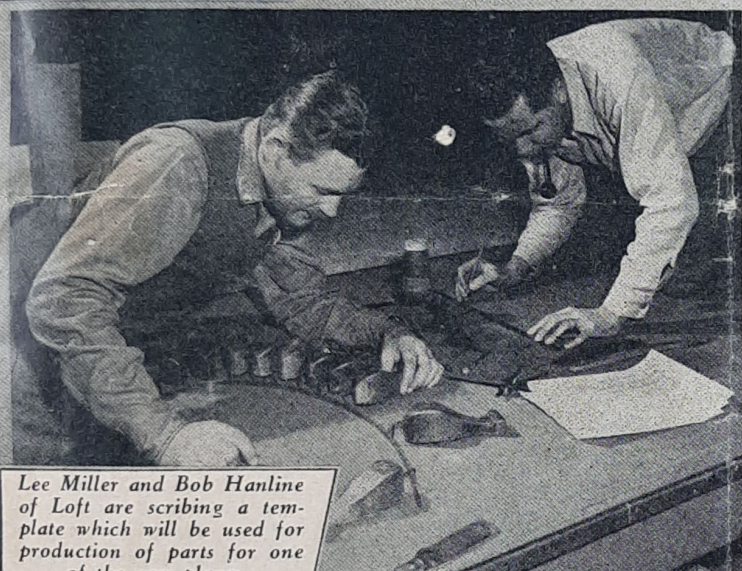
Between the conception of a new idea in aeronautical science to its culmination as an airplane in flight is a long and intricate time interval. In this space of time, North American engineers,

scientists and craftsmen erase the countless problems inherent in any new idea. North American Aviation today is an organization of men busy along this pathway. In these photographs you

see these men at their work months past they worked on the famous line of B-25 Mitchell trainers and P-51 Mustang fighters.



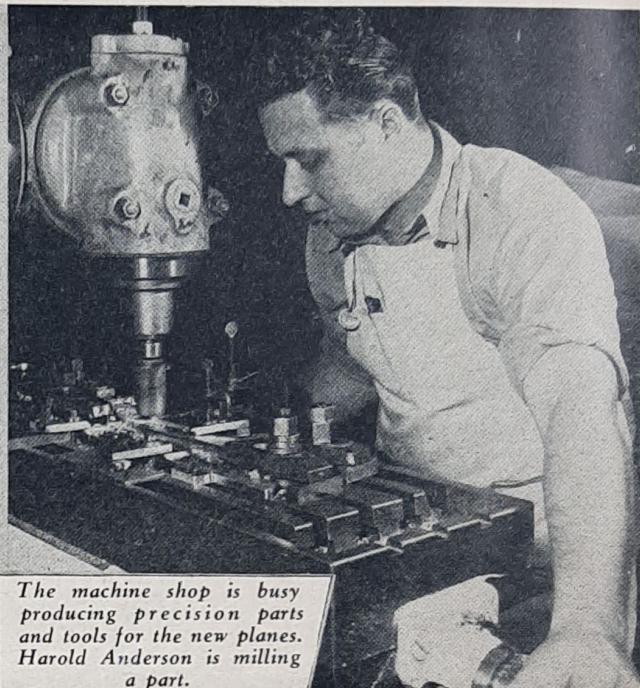
Dozens of draftsmen are at work on drawings for the new planes. Here is a typical scene in one section of the engineering building.



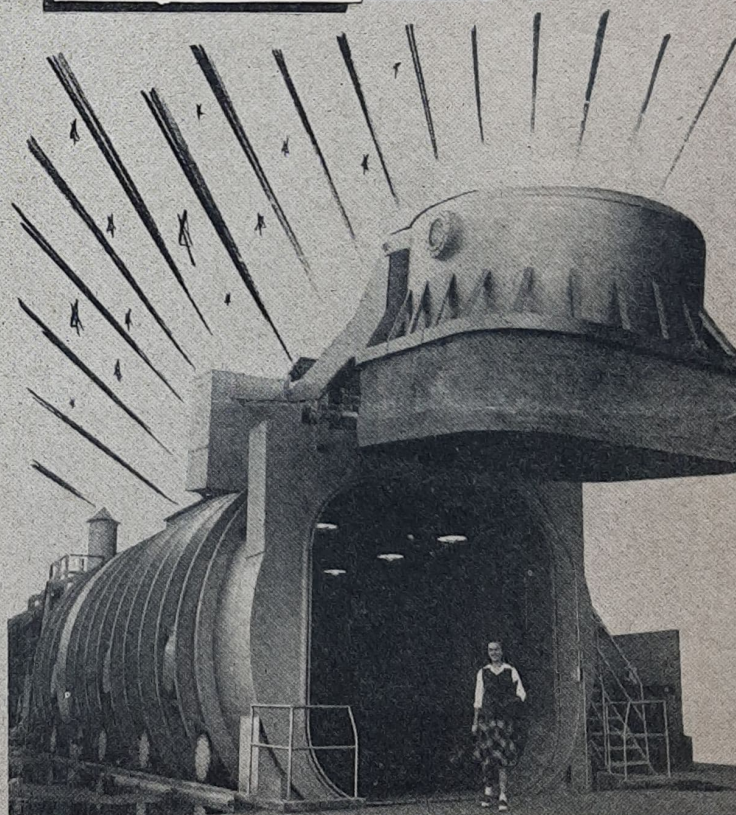
Lee Miller and Bob Hanline of Loft are scribing a template which will be used for production of parts for one of the new planes.



One of the busiest corners of the plant is the plaster pattern shop, now turning out scores of plaster forms.



The machine shop is busy producing precision parts and tools for the new planes. Harold Anderson is milling a part.

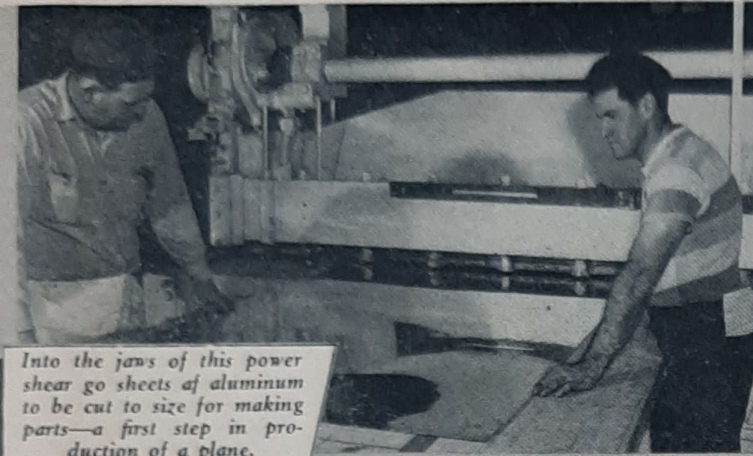


In North American's pressure chamber, which can simulate conditions found miles above the earth, many

new problems in aeronautical science are being solved. Ann Miller passed miles above the earth, many

NY AIRPLANE PROJECTS

In years and years that became bombers, AT-6 trainers. Today all but one of the planes (the Twin Mustang), on which they are working are still on the list of secret projects, but they will make aviation headlines in the weeks and months ahead.



Into the jaws of this power shear go sheets of aluminum to be cut to size for making parts—a first step in production of a plane.



Polishing a drop hammer die which will be used in production of parts for a new plane are Roy Collins, Art Paulson and Loren Starry.



Blank parts for two new North American airplanes are being produced in the material preparation dept.

Desk Pilot . .

By ADRIAN SORRELLS

Among the vets who is gladdest to be back under California skies again is Stanley Jones, formerly staff sergeant in Uncle Sam's air force, now in Dept. 15 die crib. Stanley — whom the girls say looks like Van Johnson — was overseas 18 months as a B-24 gunner. And of that 18 months, a year, three days and 12 hours were spent as a prisoner of the Germans.



Stanley's ship was hit over Berlin. The crew tried to make it to Sweden but had to bail out over a Danish island. The Danish underground aided six members of the crew to escape, but the other three, including Stanley, were so badly injured the Danes were forced to turn them over to the Germans for hospitalization. They left Copenhagen in a German torpedo boat and arrived eventually at an East Prussian prison camp. Advancing Russians caused the prisoners to be moved, and Stan was on that infamous 86-day march so the Germans could keep the Russians from liberating them. Stan was finally liberated by the British Second Army about a week before the war ended.

★ Odd bits from around and about: the Flying Horsemen are going to have a St. Patrick's dance on March 15 . . . **Gordon Hill Lewis**, who was a tool engineer at NAA, is now a second louie in the army, having graduated from the Infantry School at Fort Benning . . . If you went a

Surplus Items . . .

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Included in the list are such items as P-51 and B-25 tie clasp pins, and leather coats.

Here is a categorical list of articles for sale:

- Air Compressors
- Arbor Presses
- Automotive Equipment
- Benches (work)
- Caps (celloal)
- Cash Registers
- Clothing
- Conduit
- Clothing and Tent Machinery
- Drilling Machinery
- Electrical Fixtures
- Filing Machines
- Furnaces
- Grinders
- Hand Tools
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- Miscellaneous Machinery
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- Presses
- Refrigerators

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little too heavy on Christmas presents and need a little dough you can borrow it at the Credit Union . . . **Pete Walker**, ex-gen. foreman of 22 was in for a visit. He's in the electrical installation and appliance business in Grants Pass, Ore. . . **Walter Betts** is back in Dept. 12 after doing his bit on the cruisers Honolulu and Chester . . . **Donna M. Main** of 56 was wed recently to **Don E. Roark**.

★ New faces in the NAA family: **Russell Parsons** (56), **Burly Rogers** (56), **Paul Booth** (56), **John Giovanazzi** (56), **Jim Allen** (75), **Clarence Reece** (75), **Jack Bitterly** (56), **Warren Wickman** (56), **Bill Krueger** (56), **Don Nelson** (56), **Lewis Fetzner** (56), **Barbara Begg** (56), **George Mital** (3), **Ray Moore, jr.** (56), **Eugene Edwards** (56), **Dorothy Schreiber** (60).

★ **Bob Tribbett**, leadman in 14, is passing out cigars in honor of Ronald James, his first child, born at St. John's in Santa Monica. R. J. weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

★ Technician Fourth Grade **Boyd G. Jensen**, formerly of NAA, is in Manila. Besides arranging for athletic and recreation of all transportation corp troops in the Manila area, Jensen still finds time to play basketball and tennis.

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